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MISSOURI WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Miss Leora Walker of Laclede Won Honors at the Recent Commencement Exercises

The recent commencement program of Missouri Wesleyan college at Cameron was the best in the history of the school. In the oratorical contest among the literary societies the three students winning places as representatives in the final were Roy Goddard of Jamesport, Miss Leora Walker of Laclede and Clifford Yetter of Cameron. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Goddard. Miss Walker won second prize.

Rev. J. W. Jennings, D. D., of Kansas City preached the baccalaureate sermon. The address was spiritual and scholarly. Dr. C. O. Mills of St. Joseph preached the annual missionary sermon.

The graduates from the conservatory of music acquitted themselves with great honor in their recitals. They show efficient training and thorough application.

The alumni of the college had a day to themselves this year. The success of the undertaking this year will insure making it an annual affair. The alumni are loyal and enthusiastic. They decided to endow a chair of philosophy and call it "The Dr. B. W. Baker Memorial Chair of Philosophy."

The class graduating from the course in liberal arts is the largest and most thoroughly equipped which has gone out from the halls of this excellent college. Most of them have positions for the coming year. Their program reached high merit in literary excellence and oratorical ability.

The crowning feature of the commencement was the masterful address to the graduating class by Bishop William A. Quayle of the Methodist Episcopal church. He spoke on the "Forces of Life." The lecture was full of instruction and inspiration and greatly appreciated by the large audience.

Missouri Wesleyan college is going forward with rapid strides and is destined to become one of the largest colleges of the middle west.

Local Notes

Fred and Jess Edwards are here this week visiting their mother, Mrs. Lizzie Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Henderson of Monroe City have spent a part of the past week in Laclede. Mr. Henderson is the junior member of the produce firm of Henderson & Son and was here looking after matters connected with the business.

The Mississippi valley historical association held its second annual session in St. Louis last week. One of the leading members of the association and most prominent in last week's meeting was Professor Orin G. Libby, of the university of North Dakota, who was elected president. Professor Libby is a cousin of our fellow townsman, Judge O. F. Libby, and is a natural historian and has made it his life work. The new president was authorized to name a committee of five to select historic sites in the Mississippi valley for marking and to encourage congress and the several state legislatures to make the proper appropriations for that purpose. The St. Louis papers freely commented on Prof. Libby's efforts to complete and popularize the Mississippi valley chapter of American history and his work in the association.

M. E. Church Notes

There were five additions to the church on last Sunday morning. The district superintendent, W. B. Christy, will preach Sunday evening.

Quarterly meeting will be held on Monday morning at 9 a. m. Let all be in attendance and a full report is desired from all.

A much needed improvement has been added to the parsonage property. A new pump and cement platform now adorns the top of the well and we hope to see more good work go on as the season advances.

It is past house cleaning time and our church not yet attended to. From a sanitary standpoint, this should be looked after if for no other purpose. Let this receive attention and the cleaning of the church be one of the next things on the program.

There will be a junior league picnic next Wednesday, if the weather permits, in some nearby place not yet determined upon. Transportation will be provided to take the children out. Prepare them a lunch and send them to the church at 9 a. m. where they will gather to start for the woods.

The Sunday school is increasing in attendance to such an extent that we are expecting an addition will be one of the necessities in the near future. There were 214 present last Sabbath morning and nearly \$6.00 collection. Let all our readers understand we are nearing the place where we will be the banner school of the district if we are not so at the present time.

We wish to call the attention of the brethren to the dilapidated condition of the walk on the east side of our otherwise beautiful property. Let us not neglect this but have a new cement walk at once. It is not only necessary for appearance sake, but for the convenience of those who drive in from the country, who should have a place free from grass, etc. on which to alight from their carriages without danger of soiling their garments. We cannot afford to let our premises go in a neglected condition. Let us be up and doing.

County Court Proceedings

A special session of the county court was held in this city last Thursday for the purpose of ordering the sheriff to kill a glandered horse belonging to John Buswell of Grantsville township. While the court was in session the request of Governor Hadley that the state saloon license be increased from \$200 to \$400 per annum was considered and refused. The legislature of 1907 passed a law which gave county courts the option of making the license for the state from \$200 to \$400 per annum, and as the legislature appropriated at the last session something like a million dollars in excess of the state's revenue Governor Hadley asked the county courts of the several counties to assist in making good the deficit by raising the saloon license. It seems that the Linn county court had a greater desire to protect the saloon interests of this county than it had in providing revenue to meet the demands of the state for the schools and eleemosynary institutions. The saloons of Brookfield enjoy a monopoly of the whiskey business of this and adjoining counties and could well afford to contribute toward maintaining the credit of the state and the county court should have complied with the request of the governor.—News.

THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

Mrs. A. J. Caywood, who has been suffering from nervous prostration, is recovering and was able to be down town yesterday for the first time in three months.

The Sunday school of the Christian church observed children's day last Sunday evening. An excellent program was given, the church being filled to standing room.

J. B. Carothers and his force of carpenters will go to the south end of the county to build a fine farm residence for J. M. Kerr near Forker next week.

Teachers' examinations are being held by the county board of education at the public school building in Laclede yesterday and a large number are in attendance.

The township board is preparing to put in some concrete culverts, the steel tubes around which to mould them being received this week. This is a step in the right direction in road building.

The Linn county fair will be held at Brookfield, August 17-20. The program and premium list is now out. The officers are Henry Tooley, president; R. S. Brownlee, treasurer and L. W. Rummell, secretary.

The play "Scenes in the Union Depot" will be put on at the opera house next Tuesday evening by the Royal Neighbors. Music will be furnished by the Benjamin orchestra and there will be catchy and up-to-date songs. Admission 10, 20 and 25 cents.

Today J. W. Lomax & Co. inaugurate their annual June clearance sale to run one week. In their page announcement they make a strong bid for trade and the week will be one of bargains throughout their mammoth stock. This firm has an established reputation for honest and square dealing and the people know that every promise and price made will be met and therefore the sale will be a hummer from the start.

Ralph G. Pennoyer, who has been attending a preparatory school at Annapolis, has passed a successful examination and been admitted to the United States Naval academy. He is now visiting at the home of his uncle in Groton, New York, where his parents are also visiting and spending the summer. Ralph is one of Linn county's brightest and best young men and will no doubt make the same splendid record other Laclede boys have in the army and navy.

There is so much good sidewalk in Laclede that it seems a shame to have to call attention to the bad walks yet there is a block on the south side and two or more on the north side that are bad, very bad, in fact dangerous, and it belongs to property owners who are able to put in a new walk, more able than many who have torn up better walks than those complained of, and put in granitoid. Only last week a lady was tripped by a loose board on a rickety walk on the south side and fell. While she sustained only slight injuries the accident calls attention to the fact that a bad sidewalk is a dangerous thing and may cost the town a large bill of damages because the sidewalk ordinances are not enforced promptly.

Some Evening Reveries.

Marriage is not necessarily a blessing. It may be the bitterest curse. It may sting like an adder and bite like a serpent. Its bower is as often made of thorns as of roses. It blasts as many sunny expectations as it realizes. Every improper marriage is a living misery, an undying death. An ill-mated human pair is the most woeful picture of human wretchedness that is presented in the book of life; and yet such pictures are plenty. But a proper marriage, a true interior, soul-linked union is a living picture of blessedness, unrivaled in beauty. A true marriage is the soul's Eden. It is the visiting place of angels. It is not given to words to express the refinement of pleasure, the delicacy of joy and the abounding fullness of satisfaction that those feel whom God hath joined in a high marriage of spirit. Such a union is the highest school of virtue, the soul's convent, where the vestal fires of purity are kept continually burning. May only such happy unions attend the young men and maidens of our vicinity who may even now be planning their wedding garments.

Every woman can and should keep her ladyhood with her always—wherever she is, whatever she does, it matters not. Some women seem to do the most menial house service gracefully. They most surely are ladies in every sense of that blessed word. She who dignifies herself, dignifies her work, and vice versa. In the kitchen, as in the parlor, her manner and conversation should be the same. A true lady is as much a lady washing her dinner dishes, preparing the vegetables for dinner, cleaning lamps and scrubbing floors, as when she is bending over her embroidery frame or easel in the pleasant sitting room. If she is so unfortunate as to possess a servant, she will use refined language and as gentle a voice in speaking to her as she uses in her reception room entertaining the most cultured among her friends.

In the cities girls are beginning to take place of boys in offices, and the reason assigned for the change is one that boys would do well to consider. The old-fashioned office boy, who swears, smokes cigarette, and is impertinent, or loafs when he is sent on an important errand, is fast disappearing, and it is predicted that in the course of time the office girl will have entirely taken his place. No one wants an impertinent, swaggering, cigarette smoking boy about an office as a clerk, bookkeeper or stenographer. Girls do not acquire these detestable habits, and are, therefore, getting the places.

Open your blinds by day and light bright fires by night. Illuminate your rooms. Hang pictures upon your walls. Put books and newspapers upon your tables. Have music and entertaining games. Banish demons of dullness and apathy, and bring in mirth and good cheer. Invent occupations for your sons. Stimulate their ambitions in worthy directions. While you make home their delight, fill them with higher purposes than mere pleasure. Whether they shall pass boyhood and enter upon manhood with refined tastes and noble ambitions depends on you. With exertion and right means, a mother may have more influence over the destiny of her boys than any other influence whatever.

SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Mrs. Flora Arnold spent Wednesday with Laclede friends.

"Scenes in the Union Depot" at the opera house Tuesday night.

H. C. Baird has returned from spending three months in Kansas.

Mrs. F. F. Pratt and Miss Laura Love were in Chillicothe Thursday.

Have your suit cleaned and pressed at Victor Lomax's pantatorium.

Victor Lomax will clean and press your clothes and make them as good as new.

Woodson Norvell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the guest of Miss Grace Sissons Tuesday.

Mrs. Jane Dick has gone to Maywood, Neb., for a visit with her son, Frank, and family.

Take your poor, tired, crippled eyes to Dr. Griffith at the Foreman house Saturday, June 26.

Prof. and Mrs. Johns and little daughter of Milan are guests of relatives in Laclede this week.

Pasture to let by the head. Plenty water and shade. A. E. Connon, 1½ miles northeast of Laclede.

Arthur White called last Saturday, left a dollar and was enrolled on our route one list for a year.

Get ready to go to a Fourth of July celebration by having your suit cleaned and pressed by Victor Lomax.

You should hear the old maid propose to the widower at the opera house Tuesday night. It's funny.

Mrs. Homer Harter and two children of Great Bend, Kansas, arrived Tuesday for a visit with relatives here.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Hatcher and little son came down from Hamilton Tuesday for a few days visit with relatives.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold an ice cream social in the park Saturday afternoon and evening of this week.

Miss Martha Duckworth left Wednesday to visit relatives in South Missouri and Kansas to be absent several weeks.

Ira S. Gardner, prosecuting attorney, will be one of the speakers at the celebration to be held in Browning on July 3.

J. W. Anderson this week bought the harness shop of A. Messner and will conduct that business in connection with his shoe shop.

Mrs. S. G. Kerr of Gallatin came over Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. M. L. Poe, and nephew, C. T. Sharp, and niece, Mrs. Lelah Swearingen.

Mrs. Georgia Boomer and her sister, Miss Cathryn Cook, left yesterday evening for Chicago where the latter will enter a hospital for treatment.

Miss Ora Walker left Thursday morning for Cascade, Colo. She goes as a delegate from Cameron to attend the Young Women's Christian Association conference.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Meredith have moved from Perry, Mo., to Chillicothe where Mr. Meredith is connected with American barber supply company with E. J. Robinson.

Mrs. Agnes Van Fleet and two daughters of Hillsdale, Mich., arrived yesterday morning for a visit with relatives, guests of Mrs. Van Fleet's mother, Mrs. Jas. Gould and family.